DG

Whereas, Claribel Ruth Wood Casey of Springfield, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-fifth Birthday with a special celebration on March 1, 2008; and

Whereas, on March 4, 1913, God brought the last of six special gifts to Charles and Sadie Wood with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Claribel, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Claribel Casey will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her sixty-six-year marriage to Charles L. Casey and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, Claribel Casey has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two children and their spouses, Kenneth and Charlotte and Peggy and Perry; six grandchildren, Marcia, Jeff, JJ, Melissa, Jason, and Jeremiah; and ten great-grandchildren, Lonnie, Kenny, Joshua, Tristan, Casey, Braeden, Hunter, Lauryn, Luke, and Zane; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Claribel Casey further distinguished herself by becoming a teacher at Red Star School in Shelby County when she was sixteen years old and by earning the 1976 Teacher of the Year award from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, Claribel Casey has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past nine and one-half decades, a few of which include flowers, crafts, singing, reading, making strawberry jam, and helping others; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 95, Claribel Casey is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Claribel Casey at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Claribel Casey, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _

Representative Bob Dixon District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 836, adopted February 27, 2008.